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Title TREATMENT METHOD FOR IMPROVING FATIGUE LIFE AND LONG-LIFE METAL MATERIAL TREATED BY USING SAME TREATMENT		Applicant(s) Tomonori TOMINAGA et al.	

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J. Mater. Sci. Technol., Vol. 15 No. 3, 1999, pp. 193-197.

This document is cited in the specification.

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An ultrasonic impact method for treatment of welded structures is disclosed.

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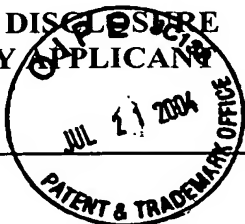
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EXAMINER INITIAL		AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.
		"Surface Nanocrystallization (SNC) of Metallic Materials-Presentation of the Concept behind a New Approach" J. Mater. Sci. Technol., Vol. 15 No. 3, 1999, pp. 193-197.

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